



June 30, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: *In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65).***

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to you in regards to the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile USA. The Michigan Economic Developers Association is in favor of this transaction promptly proceeding to completion because we believe the expanded broadband networks that will result are certain to be very helpful to businesses and economic development in the state of Michigan.

MEDA's mission is to promote and enhance economic development through education, networking, and advocacy. We are greatly interested in any opportunities that will benefit businesses and improve the overall business environment across Michigan. One such opportunity is the expansion and improvement of cutting edge telecommunications service that will result from the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile. If the deal is approved, AT&T has plans to extend their 4G long term evolution network so that it will reach over 97 percent of the entire country. The company will be able to provide this 4G LTE service to significantly more people than it could without the added resources and spectrum of this merger. As this network is built out across the country, Michigan citizens and businesses will gain access to much far superior communications technology than is available to them currently.

The benefits of quality communications technology and mobile broadband to businesses are significant. These resources allow companies to increase sales and productivity, while also cutting costs on things such as recruiting, training, supplies, and countless other essential operations. For the sake of businesses and the economic development of our state, I urge you to lend your support to the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile. I am confident that it will have numerous positive effects for the people of Michigan.

Sincerely,

John Avery  
Executive Director  
Michigan Economic Developers Association